

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland, held at the Town of Kirkland Municipal Building, 3699 State Route 12-B, Clinton, Oneida County, New York on June 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso

Councilman Richard J. Maxam

Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV

Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman

Attorney Anthony Hallak

Absent:

Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil

Supervisor Colarusso called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Colarusso recognized the public in attendance. Mike Debraggio of CKIC said there will be a Coffee and Commerce breakfast at Hamilton College on June 9th.

RESOLUTION #40

Upon motion by Supervisor Colarusso, seconded by Councilman Albertine, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of May 27, 2026 as printed.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil	Absent
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Abstain
Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman	Aye

GENERAL ORDER

Attorney Anthony Hallak – No Report
Town Clerk Michael Gaska – No Report

Highway Supt. Jon Scott, Councilman Albertine- State Budget passed. Busy mowing, and down one person. Town is not grinding green waste, cost is too high and could damage the new salt barn.

Police Dept. - Administrative Officer Occhipinti – Speed trailer has been upgraded with new batteries and solar panels, helping with speed complaint zones.

Building and Grounds Liaison Councilwoman Seaman – No Report

Recreation Liaison Councilwoman O’Neil – No Report

Seniors Liaison Councilwoman Seaman – Senior Center could use more grab bars in their restrooms.

Sewer Liaison Councilman Maxam – Started mowing.

SWOCO Liaison Councilman Maxam – Grievance Day is upcoming.

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Colarusso explained that the milage rate has been .40 cents per mile for a long time. He suggested increasing the rate to .70 cents. Councilwoman Seaman suggested matching the Federal Rate of .72.5 cents.

RESOLUTION #41

Upon motion by Councilman Maxam, seconded by Councilman Albertine, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve changing the Mileage Rate to match the Federal Standard.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Absent
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman	Aye

Councilman Albertine suggested the time for public comments should be limited to a set time if there are many people signed up to speak. Councilwoman Seaman feels the public should be allowed to speak. Attorney Hallak reminded the Board it us up to their discretion if people are allowed to address the board, it is not a right. Questions are generally taken at the start of a meeting.

RESOLUTION #42

Upon motion by Councilman Maxam, seconded by Councilman Albertine, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve changing the Board Meeting Protocol.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil	Absent
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman	Nay

RESOLUTION #43

Upon motion by Councilman Maxam, seconded by Councilman Albertine, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board review and approve the bills as audited: The totals were:

A -	28112.30
B -	14743.18
DA -	20293.42
DB -	290.52
SL1 -	744.97
SL2 -	251.88
SL3 -	139.94
SL4 -	760.64
SS1 -	3092.94
SS2 -	746.67
SS4 -	467.18
Cap Fund H -	101.82

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilman Frank P. Albertine IV	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil	Absent
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Tami M. Seaman	Nay

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Supervisor Colarusso, seconded by Councilman , the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Michael D. Gaska Jr., Town Clerk